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The Honorable Barbara A. Mikulski
United States Senate
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The Honorable Benjamin L. Cardin
United States Senate
509 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Chris Van Hollen
United States House of Representatives
1707 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Senator Mikulski, Senator Cardin, and Representative Van Hollen:

I am writing to express my appreciation for your efforts to support the Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) efforts in Maryland. While BRAC is an important Federal initiative to ensure the efficiency of our nation's military, Maryland has embraced its role in supporting those efforts. As Chairman of the Governor's Subcabinet on BRAC, I am committed to ensuring the success of our "BRAC Action Plan," to support our military, foster economic development and maintain our quality of life.

As you know, one of the challenges facing the State in supporting the 45,000-60,000 jobs arriving here in connection with BRAC is providing for the additional transportation infrastructure necessary to support BRAC. While the work preparing for such growth remains challenging, the State has welcomed the role it plays in ensuring that BRAC consolidations are a success through planning, investments in transportation infrastructure and support of the military installations demand management efforts.

Your efforts on BRAC have been critical in exploring opportunities for the Federal Government to further support its consolidations. Initiatives to increase funding available for the Department of Defense's (DOD) Defense Access Road program and mitigate the transportation

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impacts of DOD decisions regarding BRAC-impacted military hospitals are important tools to help us all succeed. Your leadership and support to secure funding to further mitigate critical transportation concerns in and around the National Naval Medical Center in Bethesda would be invaluable.

Following passage of the temporary Continuing Resolution (CR) extension which gives Congress more time to deliberate on the FY 2011 Appropriations process, I want you to know that I fully support and stand ready to assist you in your ongoing efforts to continue these important programs should any opportunities arise that will further enhance transportation and infrastructure readiness in the most congested BRAC-impacted areas.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'AGB', with a stylized flourish extending from the bottom right.

Anthony G. Brown

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